

my Recommendation in his favour I presume to mention him once more to  
 your L<sup>ty</sup> tho' I am not without some Apprehensions that my repeated  
 Solicitations on his behalf have been disagreeable, as they have hitherto been  
 without Effect, but My Lord I hope that whether such my Importunity  
 has been displeasing or otherwise, your L<sup>ty</sup> will do me the Justice, to believe  
 that it proceeded from a Desire of serving your Lordship & from no other  
 Cause. I have no particular Alliances or Connections with him or any  
 Gent<sup>l</sup> in the Province & if I had I hope your L<sup>ty</sup> will believe that no  
 such Motives, no private Views, no Prejudices, no Friendships should  
 divert me from pursuing & advising what should seem most likely to pro-  
 mote your L<sup>ty</sup>'s Interest. My only Reason for espousing Mr Dulany's  
 Interest so warmly, was as I told Mr Calvert that he is esteemed a Gent<sup>l</sup>  
 of the best natural & acquired Abilities of any in the Province, & at the same  
 time looked on to be a Person of strict honour, that this made him appear  
 to me as a most desirable Friend while I regarded him as one who could  
 be a very formidable Enemy. Such Considerations have always influen-  
 ced my Recommendations since I have been honoured with your L<sup>ty</sup>'s  
 Commission & such by L<sup>ty</sup> induce me to mention Mr Dulany once more  
 presuming from Mr Calverts last Letter that your L<sup>ty</sup> is not so averse  
 to giving him preferment as I have for some time apprehended - as I  
 am given to understand that Colonel Lloyd has expressed a Desire to have  
 or be allowed the Recommendation of the several Officers with whom he as  
 Agent is necessarily concerned but otherwise a Man opposite to him in Sen-  
 timents if not otherwise unfit may be appointed & thereby your L<sup>ty</sup>'s Affairs  
 be but ill conducted & as your L<sup>ty</sup> is pleased to order me to pay  
 due Regard to such his Recommendations I cannot help observing to  
 your L<sup>ty</sup> that I have always paid the greatest Regard to his Advice  
 in the Disposal of such places & that out of 7 Sherrifs on the Eastern Shore  
 4 have been named by himself & the Best by other Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Council  
 I hope Colo Lloyd would not misstate that I have ever appointed an  
 improper Person to an Office with which he has the most distant

Concern